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Hiraku Murayama et al.
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby cite certain documents identified in an Official Action (Notification of Reason for Refusal) issued by the Japanese Patent Office on May 27, 2008, concerning the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-156012, in conformance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. A copy of the Notification of Reason for Refusal and an English translation thereof are attached hereto.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents, other than the U.S. patent, is enclosed.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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